

## Section V-A-2. Effects for Guidance Documents

### Introduction

Two worksheets (Site Specific Practice Effects worksheet and Resource Management System Options worksheet) can be used in conjunction with the CPPE to aid the planning process (exhibits 4 and 5).

#### **(1) Site Specific Practice Effects Worksheet (exhibit 4)**

This worksheet uses the practices in the CPPE to list the most applicable conservation practices to address site-specific identified or predictable resource problems and opportunities while considering land user objectives. It displays effects for only the identified resource problems that exist, are predicted on the planning area, or have influence off-site. This array of practices lends itself to a quick comparison of the relative value of each practice, including both positive and negative effects on the resource problems identified.

#### **(2) Resource Management System Options Worksheet (exhibit 5)**

Conservation practices having the potential to solve the resource problems listed on the Site-Specific Practice Effects worksheet are now grouped in combinations and placed on the RMS Options worksheet to address the identified site-specific problems. The different combinations of practices become RMS options when the quality criteria have been achieved for all the identified and predictable resource problems. The system the land user is currently following should be rated across the top of the RMS Options worksheet. The next step is to compare this to the options developed. After the RMS options have been developed, the Conservation Effects process may be followed if the land user needs additional information to reach a decision (step 7 of the planning process). Together, these technical tools provide a powerful new technique to plan, evaluate, and select among alternative systems.

Completion of a Site-Specific Practice Effects worksheet and the Resource Management System Options worksheet is not required for each conservation plan. This depends on the experience of the conservationist and the complexity of the situation.

**A blank paper copy of each of the worksheets, which may be photocopied and filled out by hand, is included in this section. The worksheets are also available as EXCEL worksheets.**